

Feedback on Sunset Recommendations to Strengthen TWC Administration of Child Care

We Urge the Sunset Commission to Support the Staff Recommendations and Develop Additional Recommendations

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) currently administers the state's Child Care Services (CCS) program. CCS provides child care scholarships to low-income parents so they can go to work and find high-quality child care. The program is largely funded through the federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF). The Legislature demonstrated its support for these child care scholarships last session by providing an additional \$100 million in funding, which prevented thousands of working parents from losing child care. The Sunset process provides an opportunity to strengthen the state's administration of this highly successful program.

We Support the Following Recommendations from Sunset Staff

Sunset staff's review identifies several important opportunities to strengthen TWC's administration of child care. We support these recommendations and believe they can improve the experience of families and providers while making better use of existing resources.

- **Modernize TWC's technology and data systems.** We support Sunset's recommendations for stronger IT planning, procurement, implementation, and data governance.
- **Strengthen oversight of child care fraud investigations.** We support establishing more consistent statewide procedures and stronger TWC oversight of locally administered fraud investigations.
- **Improve TWC–DFPS coordination.** We support greater transparency regarding CCDF funds used by DFPS and recurring training for DFPS staff and contractors who administer subsidized child care for children in the foster care system.

